

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Adoption of Policy and Process for
Acquisition of Incremental Core Gas Storage in
Compliance with Ordering Paragraph 5 of
Decision 04-09-022, and for Adoption of a Core
Reliability Planning Standard.

Application 05-03-001
(Filed March 2, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REGARDING REVISED SCHEDULE**

On September 27, 2005, counsel for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) contacted the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and the service list by electronic mail (e-mail) seeking a delay in the due date for serving the rebuttal testimony and the evidentiary hearing dates. The June 7, 2005 scoping memo and ruling set October 11, 2005 as the original due date for serving the rebuttal testimony, and October 17 to October 20, 2005 for the evidentiary hearings.

PG&E requests that the due date for the rebuttal testimony and the hearing dates be delayed by approximately one month. PG&E had contacted the active parties to the proceeding, who did not oppose the one month extension. Due to scheduling constraints, the ALJ notified the parties by e-mail of alternate hearing dates, and allowed parties the opportunity to comment on PG&E's request and the alternate hearing dates.

PG&E and three other parties commented on the alternate hearing dates. After considering PG&E's request and the comments of the parties, the ALJ sent an e-mail to the parties on September 30, 2005 granting PG&E's motion and setting new dates. Today's ruling confirms the September 30, 2005 e-mail ruling.

The new due date for serving the rebuttal testimony in this proceeding shall be December 16, 2005. The new dates for the evidentiary hearings are January 17, 2006 to January 20, 2006. The start time on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, shall be at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Due to the above scheduling changes, the following revised schedule will be followed to resolve the issues in this proceeding:

Event	Date
Supplemental testimony by PG&E to be served	August 12, 2005
Testimony by all other parties to be served	September 12, 2005
Rebuttal testimony by all parties to be served	December 16, 2005
Evidentiary hearings	January 17-20, 2006 in San Francisco. Start time at 10:00 a.m. on January 17, 2006
Opening briefs due	February 17, 2006 (tentative)
Reply briefs due and projected submission date	March 10, 2006 (tentative)
Proposed decision	June 9, 2006 (tentative)
Comments on proposed decision	20 days from mailing of proposed decision
Reply comments on proposed decision	25 days from mailing of proposed decision
Commission decision	July 20, 2006 (tentative)

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and Procedure (Rule) shall make such a request on or before the first day of evidentiary hearing.

The application was filed on March 2, 2005. Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5 provides that in a ratesetting proceeding, the issues raised in the scoping memo are to be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued. It is expected that this proceeding will be completed within the 18-month period as shown in the revised schedule above.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The September 27, 2005 request of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to delay the due date for serving the rebuttal testimony, and to delay the evidentiary hearings is granted as set forth below.
2. The new due date for serving the rebuttal testimony is December 16, 2005.
3. The new evidentiary hearing dates shall be January 17, 2006 to January 20, 2006 at the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Dated October 3, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ John S. Wong
John S. Wong
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Revised Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 3, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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